

Homeland security may be expected to be improved if the Morse Code requirement for operation on some portions of the HF bands is lifted. Thousands of operators would become experienced in using those bands and would equip themselves for emergency communications on the HF bands. In cases of local failures of VHF/UHF repeaters, the HF bands could be used to provide communications with stations outside of the areas of widespread disasters. The ARRL Petition is good and useful for Homeland Security.